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Letter dated 28 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 26 September 1992 from Mr. Anatolijs Gorbunovs, the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, on the human rights situation in Latvia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 97 (a) and (b).

(Signed) Aivars BAUMANIS
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ANNEX

Letter dated 26 September 1992 from the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to our meeting on 25 September 1992, during my visit to the United Nations to address the General Assembly. At that time we had the occasion to discuss the human rights situation in Latvia.

In my address to the General Assembly I indicated that Latvia is ready to have its human rights situation examined by experts on the Commission on Human Rights. This was in response to the address by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation before the General Assembly on 22 September 1992, particularly his reference to "the growing discriminatory practices against Russians, Ukrainians, Belarussians, Jews and other non-indigenous nationalities in certain new States that emerged on the territory of the former USSR, specifically in Estonia and Latvia".

I should be grateful if you would use your good offices with the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights to expedite the dispatching of a fact-finding mission to Latvia by United Nations human rights experts.

(Signed) Anatolijs GORBUNOVS
Chairman of the Supreme Council
of the Republic of Latvia

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